

SCHOOL ETHICS COMMISSION	:	BEFORE THE
	:	SCHOOL ETHICS COMMISSION
v.	:	
	:	DOCKET NO. T09-06
ROSEANNE ANTINE	:	
Rockleigh Board of Education	:	DECISION FOR FAILURE
<i>Bergen County</i>	:	TO ATTEND TRAINING
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**WHEREAS**, the School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et. seq. was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in school board members and school administrators and to provide specific ethical standards to guide their conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33 requires each newly elected or appointed board member to complete, during the first year of the member's first term, a training program offered by the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) regarding the skills and knowledge necessary to serve as a school board member or charter school trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, Roseanne Antine was newly elected or appointed in April 2005 to a local school board or charter school board and therefore, had until April 2006, to complete the training requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJSBA mails correspondence to all new board members who have failed to register for or attend an orientation and did mail such correspondence to this board member on October 5, 2005, January 17, 2006 and February 6, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJSBA conducted eight training sessions between April 2005 and March 2006 at varying locations and continuously published the dates and times of the sessions in its publication, *School Board Notes*; and

**WHEREAS**, through correspondence dated August 9, 2006, because you are a member of a non-operating district, the Commission provided you with the opportunity to attend half of the one-day training on October 24, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has been notified by the New Jersey School Boards Association that you did not attend the October 24, 2006 training; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission issued an Order on November 1, 2006, directing Roseanne Antine to Show Cause why she had not attended training up until that time; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Antine responded to the Order and indicated that she failed to attend the October 24, 2006 training due to a business commitment that she could not cancel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission notified Ms. Antine that the Commission would discuss this matter at its November 28, 2006 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Antine has failed to attend the required training program for the one year allowed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission finds that her failure to attend board member training from April 2005 to March 2006 constitutes a clear violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission finds that the appropriate penalty for the violation is suspension from the board if she fails to attend the December 9, 2006 training session and removal if she fails to attend the January 6, 2007 training session;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the School Ethics Commission finds that Roseanne Antine violated the N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33 of the School Ethics Act if she fails to attend the December 9, 2006 training session and recommends that the Commissioner of Education impose a penalty of suspension from the board if she fails to attend the December 9, 2006 training session and removal if she fails to attend the January 6, 2007 training session.

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Paul C. Garbarini, Chairman  
School Ethics Commission

Dated: November 29, 2006

I certify that the within Resolution was duly adopted by the School Ethics Commission at its Public Meeting on November 28, 2006.

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Lisa James-Beavers  
Executive Director

This matter shall be transmitted to the Commissioner of Education for action on the Commission's recommendation for sanction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29. Within thirteen (13) days from the date on which the Commission's decision was mailed to the parties, any party may file written comments on the recommended sanction with the Commissioner of Education, c/o Bureau of Controversies and Disputes, 100 Riverview Plaza, P. O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625, marked "Attention: Comments on Ethics Commission Sanction." A copy of any comments filed must be sent to the School Ethics Commission and all other parties.